Open Invitation to Public Stakeholders Consultation Meeting for Draft Cal/EPA Multimedia Guidance Document for Multimedia Evaluations of Motor Vehicle Fuels and Fuel Additives

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Multimedia Interagency Working Group, together with the University of California Peer Reviewers (UC Peer Reviewers), extends an invitation to attend a public stakeholder's consultation meeting to discuss the development of a multimedia guidance document for multimedia evaluations of motor vehicle fuels and fuel additives.

This invitation is extended to organizations and individuals, who have an interest in the draft multimedia guidance document. An outline of the draft guidance document can be reviewed at www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/multi/multi.htm. The draft guidance document is being prepared by the UC Peer Reviewers under the direction of the Multimedia Interagency Working Group, which includes staff from the California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control, State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the Air Resources Board. A final draft is expected within the calendar year. The meeting will be held on:

Date: September 13, 2005
Time: 1-5pm
Location: Sierra Hearing Room, Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

The meeting will address general procedures for marketing new fuels in California, including an overview of the elements for conducting a multimedia assessment and guidance for navigation through the application process.

Topics for the meeting include:

- Background on application process;
- Objectives of multimedia assessment;
- Purpose and scope of guidance document;
- Tiered application strategy;

As a potential user of the guidance document or user of the products that are reviewed under this process, we invite you to bring questions and concerns and to preview the technical manual as a draft in progress.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm for assistance or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you are a person who needs assistance in a language other than English, please go to http://www.arb.ca.gov/as/eeo/languageaccess.htm or contact the Bilingual Coordinator at (916) 324-5049.

If you plan to attend, please send an e-mail to Ms. Lesley Crowell at lcrowell@arb.ca.gov and title message RSVP September 13, 2005. For your information, this meeting will be webcast. You may access the webcast at ARB's homepage,

<u>http://www.arb.ca.gov/app/calendar/cal_wbcst.php</u>. During the webcast we will also accept comments and questions sent via email to onair@arb.ca.gov.

Please mark your calendar. Your participation is appreciated.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Timothy Ginn at trginn@ucdavis.edu, or Dr. Thomas McKone at temckone@lbl.gov.